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1. A RECENT REPORT THAT DR. BEATRIZ PEROSIO, PRESIDENT OF THE ARGENTINE FEDERATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS HAS REAPPEARED APPEARS TO BE FALSE.
2. THE OCTOBER " NUEVA HORA" NEWSPAPER OF THE PARTIDO COMUNISTA REVOLUCIONARIO, FRONT PAGED A STORY THAT DR. PEROSIO HAD REAPPEARED IN THE VILLA DEVOTO PRISON. CHECKS BY THE EMBASSY WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND BY NEW YORK TIMESMAN JUAN DE ONIS TRIGGERED THE USUAL GOVERNMENT REPLY THAT DR. PEROSIO WAS NOT BEING DETAINED BY ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES.
3. FAMILY SOURCES HAVE ADVISED THE EMBASSY THAT THE ARGENTINE FEDERATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS SECRETARY, ALFREDO SMITH AND HIS WIFE, CECILIA KRIADO SMITH, WHO WERE KIDNAPPED AT THE SAME TIME AS PEROSIO, REAPPEARED WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER PRISONERS ALLEGED TO HAVE

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BEEN MEMBERS OF THE PARTIDO COMUNISTA MARXISTA-LENINISTA. THE GROUP WAS REPORTEDLY HELD AND HOSTILELY INTERROGATED AT THE TABLADA ARMY BARRACKS OUTSIDE OF

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4. THE PCR HOUSE ORGAN ALSO REQUESTED INFORMATION REGARDING THE KIDNAPPING OF ROBERTO CHRISTIANA (636/78/12), ELIAS SEMAN (668/78/12), DANIEL BENDERSKY (603/78/9), AND MIGUEL ANGEL SPINELLA (616/78/9). (NOTE: WE HAVE REPORTS THAT SPINELLA WAS A PCR ACTIVIST AND THAT BENDERSKY, ALTHOUGH NOT A PARTY MEMBER, WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF SPINELLA'S.)

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION RECENTLY FROM HUMAN RIGHTS AND PRISONER FAMILY SOURCES OF UNRECOGNIZED NON-PEN PRISONERS BEING HELD IN VILLA DEVOTO PRISON. WE BELIEVE THAT THESE PRISONERS ARE RECENT TRANSFEREES FROM THE THIRD ARMY CORPS IN CORDOBA WHO HAVE NOT BEEN FULLY "PROCESSED". OUR BEST JUDGMENT IS THAT DR. PEROSIO IS NOT IN DEVOTO. THAT SHE DID NOT APPEAR WITH THE OTHERS WHO WERE PICKED UP WITH HER CONTRIBUTES TO THIS OPINION.
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